

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please **replace** the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following **rewritten** paragraph:

~~-- Reference is hereby made to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/372,970, entitled ARCHITECTURE FOR A DECISION FEEDBACK EQUALIZER and filed in the names of Inventors Heo, Markman, Park, and Gelfand on April 6, 2002 and whereof the benefit of priority is hereby claimed and whereof the disclosure is herein incorporated by reference. This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US03/10889, filed April 9, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on October 30, 2003 in English and which claims the benefit of United States Provisional patent application No. 60/372,970, filed April 6, 2002. --~~